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Brigadier General Carl A. Strock  
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Dear Brigadier General Strock:

1 Did you really say concerning dam breaching that, "If there is discretion between one thing or another, the receptivity of the population is going to be a component in our decision?" Many of us from the Tri-Cities/Hermiston area waited all day to speak on dam breaching at the Pasco event. Since a group who does not live here packed all of your meetings, we were unable to give our views publically. Surely this strategy by proponents of dam breaching was and is obvious to the Corps! We are not anti-dam breaching, we are anti-stupid decisions.

So, tell us, since the science doesn't show that the dams must be breached, the long-term economics do not support breaching, and air quality concerns do not support dam breaching, do orchestrated public statements by activist groups who do not have to deal with the consequences of breaching carry the day? Is this the way the Corps of Engineers makes decisions? If so, the Corps of Engineers becomes the Corps of Who Is The Loudest.

Sincerely,



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